

HOUSE BILL 423

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the agricultural preservation advisory
4 board in St. Mary's County to require that at least a certain number of members
5 are actively pursuing the production of agricultural products for profit; and
6 generally relating to the membership of the agricultural preservation advisory
7 board in St. Mary's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Agriculture
10 Section 2–504.1(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Agriculture
15 Section 2–504.1(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Agriculture**

21 2–504.1.

22 (a) In each county containing productive agricultural land, the county
23 governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation advisory board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2)] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**
2 of this subsection, the agricultural preservation advisory board shall consist of five
3 members, at least three of whom shall be owner–operators of commercial farms who
4 earn 50 percent or more of their income from farming.

5 (2) In Worcester County, the agricultural preservation advisory board
6 shall consist of seven members, at least four of whom shall be owner–operators of
7 commercial farms who earn 50 percent or more of their income from farming.

8 **(3) IN ST. MARY’S COUNTY, THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION**
9 **ADVISORY BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS, AT LEAST THREE OF**
10 **WHOM SHALL BE ACTIVELY PURSUING THE PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL**
11 **PRODUCTS FOR PROFIT.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2012.